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NASHVILLE – Labor & Workforce Development Commissioner Mark P. Reineke announced recently that CHC Services, Inc., in Cookeville was chosen to receive the Governor's Award of Excellence for Workplace Safety and Health. Reineke presented the award July 24, 2002, at the 25th Annual Tennessee Safety and Health Congress and Exposition in Nashville.

"CHC Services, Inc., has demonstrated strong commitment to maintaining a safe and healthy workplace," said Reineke. "The evaluation criteria for this award are ambitious, and CHC has worked conscientiously to meet and exceed the standards the award requires."

The Governor's Award of Excellence for Workplace Safety and Health is given to Tennessee employers who meet the required number of hours during a calendar year without workplace injuries serious enough to cause an employee to miss a day of work or restrict his normal job activities. The number of hours required is based on the size of the company.

CHC Services, Inc., had gone five years without a lost time accident as of May 7, 2002.

CHC Services, Inc., began in Cookeville in 1969 as Cookeville Heating and Cooling and opened a second office in Crossville in 1985. The company sells, installs, and services residential heating and cooling systems within a 40-mile radius of Cookeville and Crossville. They currently have 28 full-time employees and sales revenue of approximately \$3,000,000 per year. They started a safety program in 1994, hiring a full-time safety director in 1995.

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